

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5259–S5400

Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 888–924, S.J. Res. 12, S. Res. 121, and S. Con. Res. 36–38.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as “National Cowboy Poetry Week”.

S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”.

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Page S5340

Measures Passed:

Smallpox Countermeasures Administration Compensation Act: Senate passed H.R. 1770, to provide benefits and other compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of smallpox countermeasures, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S5388–90

American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 258, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S5391

Expressing Support for Patriots: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 37, expressing support for the celebration of Patriot’s Day and honoring the Nation’s first patriots. Pages S5391–92

Honoring the Life of Michael Kelly: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, honoring the life of Washington Post columnist and Atlantic Monthly editor Michael Kelly, and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. Pages S5392–93

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate passed S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Pages S5393–94

National Cowboy Poetry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as “National Cowboy Poetry Week”. Pages S5393–94

Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”. Pages S5393–94

Laborers’ International Union of North America 100th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 117, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers’ International Union of North America for the union’s many achievements, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S5394

Sununu (for Hatch) Amendment No. 531, in the nature of a substitute. Page S5394

Blue Star Service Banner and the Gold Star: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Service Banner and the Gold Star. Pages S5394–95

Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

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Ted Weiss Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building".

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Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building: Senate passed S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

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Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 38, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Subsequently, if the House has not acted upon S. Con. Res. 38 (listed above), then the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.

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Congressional Budget Resolution Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013, clearing the measure for the President.

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Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that when the Senate receives from the House the conference report to accompany H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and with the concurrence of the two Leaders, the conference report be agreed.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, April 24, 2003, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Authorizing the Signing of Bills—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader, or Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2003.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Florentino Subia, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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Frank B. Strickland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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Michael McKay, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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Robert J. Dieter, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2004.

Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005. (Reappointment)

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring on July 1, 2006. (Reappointment)

Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Herbert S. Garten, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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Thomas R. Meites, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

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1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carlos T. Bea, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Jay Phillip Greene, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2005.

David Wesley Fleming, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2007.

John Richard Petrocik, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2008.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House:

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Enrolled Bills Presented:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—134)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 38, at 9:03 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 28, 2003. (If the House has not acted upon S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution, then the Senate will reconvene at 12 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.) (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the

Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5397.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Thursday, April 10, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 521, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 522, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, with amendments;

S. Res. 108, designating the week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as "National Cowboy Poetry Week";

S. Res. 111, designating April 30, 2003, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans"; and

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 1766–1824; 3 private bills, H.R. 1825–1827; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51–52; H. Con. Res. 151–152, and H. Res. 197–203, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program, amended (Rept. 108–74, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 197, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–75).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dreier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H3307

Energy Policy Act: The House passed H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people by recorded vote of 247 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 145.

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Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike Division A, Energy and Commerce, title III Hydroelectric Energy and replace provisions dealing with hydroelectric licensing by recorded vote of 171 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 144.

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Agreed To:

Schakowsky amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Energy should develop and implement more stringent inventory and procurement controls, including controls on the purchase card program and the Department's Inspector General should continue to review purchase card and other procurement and inventory practices. On April 10 the amendment was debated, agreed to by voice vote, and a Tauzin request for a recorded vote was postponed. Today, an insufficient number of members rose to support the request for a recorded vote. The Chair announced that the ayes had prevailed by voice vote and the amendment was agreed to;

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Capps amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 108–69 that strikes section 30220 that directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and key stakeholders, including